

On page 43, replace the paragraph bridging page 43 to page 44 with:

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--From start block 3600 of FIG. 36, step 3601 receives and unpacks the inbound request and logs the request in activity log 422. Next, in step 3602, the initiator and responder are determined using the trading partner profile table 413. Step 3603 then decodes and decompresses the request using a pre-established and exchanged pair of encryption keys. Next, step 3604, using overall database structure 414, determines the output destination of the contents of the inbound request. The destination of the contents would be located in any allowable directory, on any compatible device connected to network 105, and would include, but not be limited to an ASCII text file or a dynamic data exchange (DDE) which is electronically passed to any program which allows DDE and has been given the rights to execute such a file. Further, if the inbound request is EDI structured, step 3605 sends a standard EDI997 functional reply to the transaction engine queue 417 to confirm receipt of the request. Then, in step 3606, the contents are output to the determined destination, either in file format as shown in block 3606, or in DDE format as in block 3607. The sub-process ends at finish block 3608. The transaction engine inbound process, as further shown in FIG. 37, is the preferred destination of the inbound transaction.--

On page 47, replace the first paragraph beginning on line 1 with:

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--FIG. 39 is a flow diagram of the SDS inbound. From start block 3900, step 3901 receives and reads the transaction and, using data from overall database structure 414, determines the routing path and presentation method for processing the transaction. The presentation method preferably includes a choice of one or more of: the direct application of data to an identified database, the dynamic data exchange (DDE) with another application, the output of data as text to a file, and/or the presentation of the data to the graphical user interface of the back office application 509 in the form of simulated keystrokes. Step 3902, using data from overall database structure 414, formats the transaction according to the method(s) determined, and step 3903 sends the transaction to the application server 106 according to the determined method(s). Once step 3903 is complete, the process ends at finish block 3904.